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## McCallister Gulch Road—FSR 708 / HORNSILVER MOUNTAIN

**Length:** 10.1 miles (one way) **Trail Use:** Moderate

**Difficulty:** More Difficult **Open To:** 4WD, Mtn Biking, Hiking,

**Beginning Elevation:** 9,319 ft. **Ending Elevation:** 9,308 ft. **Elevation Gain:** + 2604 ft. - 2615 ft. = - 11 ft. **USGS Map(s):** Red Cliff, Pando

## **Access from Vail:**

- **South End:** From I-70, take Exit 171 for Minturn and Hwy. 24. Turn right and continue south on Hwy. 24 approximately 17 miles to Road #702 (at north end of Camp Hale immediately after crossing a bridge over the railroad tracks), turn left. Reset odometer here.
- North End (Reverse Trip): From I-70, take Exit 171 for Minturn and Hwy. 24. Turn right and continue south on Hwy. 24 for 10 miles to the Red Cliff access road on the left, immediately before crossing the historic green expansion bridge over the Eagle River. This road will lead into Red Cliff and to Shrine Pass Road #709. Turn left onto Shrine Pass Road and follow 2.5 miles to Wearyman Road #747 on your right. Follow Wearyman about 0.7 miles to the inersection with FSR 708 on the right.

<u>Trail Highlights:</u> From the South End, after turning off US Hwy 24 and resetting odometer, travel a very short distance, turn right following sign for FS 702. Bear left across small earthen bridge at 0.5 miles. Turn left at a T interesection where 714 goes right. Immediately turn left again onto McCallister Gulch Road—FS 708 at 1.1 miles. Bear right at 1.9 miles and 2.4 miles. The road is narrow and steep in places. The worst section is at 5.5 miles, which shouldn't be attempted when the road is muddy. At 6.0 miles you reach the high point where a steep road to the right takes a short side trip to the top of Resolution Mountain with great views. After this side road, you will soon see Mt. of the Holy Cross ahead. Continue down to Wearyman Road—FSR 747 where you can turn left to get to Shrine Pass Road after several creek crossings, or turn right to do the Wearyman Road—FSR 747 to Resolution Road—FSR 702 and create a loop trip.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** With the number of 4WD operators rapidly growing every year, the repeated and often unintentional misuse by 4WDs can quickly create environmental damage. By using common sense and taking a few precautions, 4WD operators can assure that the backcountry they frequent will remain available and in good condition for future use.

- \* Always stay on designated roads and trails; off-trail riding is not permitted on the White River National Forest.
- \* Ride in the middle of the trail to avoid widening it.
- \* Avoid side slipping, which can start a rut, leading to erosion.
- \* Cross streams at fording points only.
- \* Sanitation Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- \* Wilderness areas are managed to maintain their primitive character and to provide opportunities for solitude. These designated areas are solely for non-mechanized travel—access is restricted to foot and horseback only. Sorry, no 4WDs or bicycles.
- \* For tips on 4WD techniques and responsible recreation, visit www.treadlightly.org.

## PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! TREAD LIGHTLY!

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest strongly suggests purchasing a topographic map and compass prior to your trip.